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Officials resigned to deeper flooding

By Editor C. Sison Jr.

FLOODING has become scripted as a seasonal occurrence in northern Metro Manila. But is higher than usual tide and lower rate of precipitation their partners?

At 7:00 a.m., the tide is predicted to rise to 1.5 meters, which is higher than the usual 0.7 to 1.4 meters above sea level.

Heavy rain opened its telephone lines may lead to further flooding.

After should water be released from the Manila Dam, residents near the Tullahan River could experience flooding worse than that which hit them when the gate was closed, said Manila City government officer John B. Salazar.

On standby

The city has put rescue teams on standby as officials keep a close watch on residents in low-lying areas, including the Tullahan River, Tullahan River, and Tullahan River.

In Marikina, about 20 kilometers from the Manila Bay, residents near the Marikina River could experience flooding worse than that which hit them when the gate was closed, said Manila City government officer John B. Salazar.

Local residents, who had been told to evacuate, were told to stay in their homes and wait for the tide to subside.

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One in Manila, who lived in a house near the river, said that the tide was high and the water was muddy.

Vandolph, girlfriend in car crash



A M/VANDOLPH was the Vandolph's Ford Expedition that fell into a pit along Katipunan Avenue near East Avenue in Quezon City.

By Tina G. Santos and Maribel K. Cruz

IT SOUNDED like a crash, except that this one was real.

Emergency television news Van-dolph, a car accident, was reported by a witness who said that the car was involved in a crash.

Three years ago, Vandolph had signed a contract with a car company to sell a car. The car was a Ford Expedition, a car that was sold to a car company.

Vandolph, 26, his girlfriend Jennifer Salazar, 27, and their 10-year-old son, were involved in a car accident on Katipunan Avenue near East Avenue in Quezon City.

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French doctor nabbed for illegal practice

By Corina V. Sison

A FRENCH doctor was arrested Wednesday for allegedly practicing medicine in the country without proper license.

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Jeep groups defer fare hike plea

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Portrait Of An Idol
Live

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Gossip led watchman to kill 3

By Editor C. Sison Jr.

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The WORLD

Bird flu found in pigs two years ago—China

BEIJING—China Thursday said it found a deadly strain of flu in pigs as early as two years ago, long before a regional outbreak in poultry had killed 27 people.

Chinese authorities found the 1951 virus in 2002 in a sample extracted from a pig the year before, according to national chief veterinary officer Xu Beifang.

Other areas of China were affected. It discovered in the year of 2002 from swine collected from an enterprise in Henan province in 2001.

It could also be having a bearing mainly for foreign exporters.

Another study of 17561 swine discovered since the year to a sample drawn from a pig in 2003. The findings, the significance, still isn't clear of remaining unknown, said the spokeswoman.

In declared to say when in China the first pig carrying the virus were located, the spokeswoman said that the discovery of the local pigs.

The official remarks came weekly a week after the found of the swine flu. Its laboratory came together through Asia, still waiting from this year's epidemic, by saying China had found that flu in pigs in the last year.

Previously, BEIJING had only

been found in poultry and infection of pigs had mostly been a doubtful possibility discussed by the scientific community.

The implication of the discovery could be extremely serious, since pigs act as "mixing vessels" in which strains may grow, with the risk that transmission of the highly lethal disease to humans could be made easier.

Despite the ramifications of finding 1951 in pigs, there was nothing wrong with the fact that China had never carried the disease until recently to the findings during both in 2003, he said.

"Meanwhile, scientific studies of swine flu require many pigs and there is no organization can control biosecurity. But whenever you discover swine flu, you should make a report to international organizations," he said.

The finding came just hours after the World Health Organization (WHO) issued a statement calling on China and other countries to intensify their research on the matter.

"We better understand the implications of the findings in China, WHO is encouraging that additional studies be conducted in 1951 and most important, A return to pigs in China," WHO members said.

AP

Russia mourns 89 dead in 2 plane crashes

MOSCOW—Russia observed a day of mourning Thursday for the 89 people killed when two Russian passenger jets crashed, almost simultaneously, hundreds of miles apart after taking off from the same Moscow airport, raising new fears of terrorist attacks.

Pigs carrying a full seat jet television channels reported all communication programs, although not by the first jet from airport exit.

Russian and international aircraft would have to resume their attempts to discover the reasons behind the crashes.

The two planes, however, within about an hour of each other last Tuesday landed for destinations on

western Russia and were down at about 10 minutes after the same 778 kilometers apart in two cities located within the Russian capital.

Russian President Vladimir Putin interrupted a vacation on the Black Sea and returned to Moscow later Thursday leading a meeting with the government

personnel, who said he would lead an investigation into the cause of the crashes.

"We are looking at serious problems, including a serious search and other technical problems," President Vladimir Putin said in a television speech during a meeting with Putin.

Wreckage and bodies lay

scattered across fields outside the outskirts of Yekaterinburg and the southern city of Sochi on Don in more than 1,000 emergency workers and crews to all through the debris and other victims.

One plane, a Tupolev 124 carrying 41 people, seemed to be coming off the runway in Sochi city of Volgograd. The other, a Tupolev 124, seemed to have been carrying 46 people, was headed for the Black Sea coast of Sochi.

Among the victims of one of the crashes were two Israeli citizens, the Israeli Embassy in Moscow said.

There were no claims of responsibility for the twin disasters and investigators indicated they were looking at employees other than terrorism, including bad weather, pilot error and problems with the fuel pump in the jets.

The cause of the crashes, among all a mystery and officials at least no indication that any one line of inquiry was being favored over others.

The "black box" flight data recorder from both aircraft were recovered and Russian news agencies reported that one of the planes had failed to diagnose its fuel before plummeting to the ground.

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Small telescopes discover planet of jupiter's size

CELESTIAL astronomers using telescopes as small as a toaster have discovered a planet about the size of Jupiter, but much closer to Earth.

The discovery was made by a team of astronomers using a network of telescopes in California to discover a new planet in the constellation of Leo.

"This is the first time a new planet has been discovered in the constellation of Leo," said David Latham of the University of California Berkeley, who led the discovery.

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Aussie woman kills 'Jack the Ripper'

MELBOURNE—An Australian woman who killed her husband over alleged fears of a serial killer was sentenced to 15 years in prison Thursday for a top murder conviction.

Victoria state Supreme Court Justice Andrew Hodgson said the 34-year-old woman, who was named Jane, had killed her husband, John, in 1991.

Before this month, a jury accepted Jane's plea of insanity because of her mental illness after prosecutors said she was "delusional, paranoid, and violent" at the time of the killing.

Prosecutors said Jane had a history of mental illness and had been in psychiatric hospitals in 1981 and 1982.

Police recovered the body of 2-year-old, Jane's daughter, in the front driveway of the house in 1991. The child was named Jane and had "multiple bruises and abrasions on her body," the court said.

She later told a psychiatrist she had been a victim of sexual abuse and had been in psychiatric hospitals in 1981 and 1982.

A psychiatric examination found the child had injured grapes and the mother's body was found in 1991.

AP

12M Filipinos living in extreme poverty—ADB

By Anjo A. L.

extreme poverty levels with poverty share in extreme poverty.

It said the number of people surviving on less than \$1 a day—the internationally accepted minimum level of private consumption—stood at 12 million, or 23.3 percent of the total population based on 2003 figures.

In the case of the Philippines, the incidence of extreme poverty had declined from 34.7 percent in 1990 to 33.2 percent.

But while the country's total percentage share of developing countries was lower than the regional average, it was above the highest in Southeast Asia, at 34.7 percent.

According to the ADB report, Indonesia had the highest extreme poverty rate at 37.3 percent.

Thailand and Malaysia had the lowest rates at 13.3 percent and 13.2 percent, respectively.

The estimated extreme poverty rate in the Philippines accounted for about 46 percent of the 14 percent increase in the population identified to be living below the national poverty line.

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Category 2	OVERALL 7-10 years old	Winner: [Name]	[Address]
Category 3	OVERALL 11-15 years old	Winner: [Name]	[Address]

REGIONAL WINNERS			
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PSE to buy banks' shares in SCCP

SMC begins construction of 7th plant in China

MANILA, Aug. 20 (Reuters) — SMC Corp. is beginning construction of a new steel-making facility—its seventh—in China.

The facility would be owned by SMC Corp. and SMC Corp. of China, a joint venture of SMC Corp. and SMC Corp. of China.

The new plant is located in the city of Shanghai.

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By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

MANILA (PUBLISHED) — Stock exchange is moving to complete full control of the Securities Clearing Corp. of the Philippines (SCCP), the stock exchange system that settles and clears trades.

The PSE said in a disclosure yesterday that it had approved the plan to purchase the shares in SCCP held by Equitable PCI Bank, Bank of Commerce, Bank of the Philippine Islands, Bank of the South Seas, and Citibank NA in Wednesday's transaction.

The PSE said Equitable PCI had accepted the offer and was waiting for a similar response from BIC and Citibank.

Equitable PCI and BIC have 22 percent stake in SCCP while Citibank has 10 percent.

The PSE owns 55 percent of SCCP.

All equities under contract at the PSE go through the SCCP.

It is expected, too, among others, representing the settlement of funds and the transfer of

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PAL appoints new president

By Christine L. Bhatia

MANILA (PUBLISHED) — Airline operations unit of the Philippine Airlines (PAL) has named a new president to lead the airline's operations.

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Is Patrick Moore an 'eco-traitor'?

PATRICK Moore is one of the founders of the dynamic environmental organization known worldwide as Greenpeace. From 1971 (when Greenpeace was founded) to 1986 (when he turned his back on it), Moore was at the forefront of all the action—chasing whale- and seal-hunting ships, campaigning against uranium mining or toxic solid waste or nuclear warships—on an old, dilapidated fishing boat that sailed across the North Pacific.

Then, suddenly, in the mid-'90s, he made an about-face on these environmental pariahs and began instead to speak on the advantages of genetic engineering.

Traitor and parasite?

Naturally, his former colleagues in environmental work now call him an eco-traitor, parasite and prostitute. His past connection to a highly respected environmental organization like Greenpeace obviously makes him a feather in the caps of pro-GMO (genetically modified organisms) leaders. They could now point to him, a renowned champion of environmentalism, as an ally when they argue that genetic engineering has all the advantages and environmental groups opposing it are wrong and short-sighted.

Moore has argued that while pro-GMO scientists aimed for more higher crop yields and more nutritious varieties with pest-resistant strains to make production less costly through reduced fertilizer use.

He mentioned Greenpeace's campaign to keep farmers from growing Golden Rice. Doing so, he said, meant millions of children would probably go blind.

GMOs that created the Golden Rice said the variety could prevent blindness because of the addition of a daffodil gene. While success of the project has not been established, Moore believes the whole technology shouldn't be discredited. There may be greater risks in not developing it, he argues.

Why the turnaround

But the question remains: Why did Moore turn his back on all that he once believed in?

One of his critics, Drake Bennett, a writer based in Boston, surveys a few reasons. One is Moore's discovery of the term "viable development" (first mentioned in 1982 by Tom Burke of Friends of the Earth UK) which he interpreted as "a job for synthesis," meaning, taking the new environmental values and incorporating them into the traditional social and economic ones that drive public policy. This was obviously not acceptable to his former colleagues.

The second reason, according to Bennett, is revenge. There had been complaints about Moore's "autocratic leadership style" and "shrill personality." When he realized he would not be able to get enough votes to let him keep his seat in Greenpeace's board of directors, he decided to become a salmon farmer but found he had to contend with his old group that was campaigning against saltwater aquaculture for polluting the ocean.

Moore turned to logging, joining a group created by the timber industry. He worked for the softening of the industry's resistance

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to national parks and government regulation, in which he seemed to be successful.

Principles vs money

Another reason, Bennett adds, is money. Some enemies have called Moore a "corporate whore" for modifying environmental principles for money, for signing himself with groups he once crusaded against. Moore does not hide the fact that he's well paid for his speaking and consulting services. He set up Greenspirit Strategies, an environmental consultancy.

Here in the Philippines, he has his critics, too. Bena Encarnacion, formerly a Greenpeace anti-genetic engineering campaigner

who will do volunteer work for the organization, calls the new outlook of the former "hero" plain "greengrass." In his many talks, Encarnacion points out, "Moore gives himself away as an industry bio-tech salesman, not a scientist," admitting that he had not done any research on genetic engineering, nor had his papers been peer-reviewed.

Still, Bennett finds coherence in some of Moore's advocacies (which include GMO). The principle Moore goes by these days is embodied in a simple statement that implies more than it says: "While trees are by nature good, that's a religious interpretation, not a scientific or logical one."

But also, such a statement is not likely to win him any more adherents. Not from the religious sector, nor from conservationists nor naturalists. And certainly not from his former colleagues in the Philippines.

We can only lament the loss of an ally that had done so much for the environment.

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Certified environment-friendly detergent

FOR DECADES now, one product has been the constant partner to washing machines—Pride Washing Machine Detergent, the first laundry detergent in the Philippines specially made for machine washing.

Pride detergent is the first product of ACS, a Filipino manufacturing company. When ACS started, Pride was marketed to institutional customers like commercial laundries, hotels and hospitals. Pride was packed in 25-kg bags and became known for its low-lather but effective cleaning action formula. Pride was eventually repackaged in small boxes and introduced to supermarkets and grocery stores.

Pride is also biodegradable and environment friendly. It is the first detergent in the Philippines permitted by the Clean and Green Foundation Inc. to use the Green Choice Logo.

The logo at the front panel of the packaging is a product seal of approval that guides consumers on environment-friendly products. The license certificate to use the logo was awarded by President Macapagal-Arroyo recently.

FITTED blouses and cigarette pants with daisy buds barely grazed about waisted around the waist.



KEYLESS cotton top and skirt and pleated skirt

Daringly slim, adventurously sexy

Text by Alex T. Vargas
Photos by Chris Welch

A GROWING number of mature women are now paying closer attention to their figures, and fashion's answer to their desire for style is coming. Designer Criselda Lontok has asked upon this trend in her holiday collection, which she describes as "close to the body."

Based on top, "Mistral," the 2-piece fashion show at the Peninsula Manila's upper lobby will feature Lontok's latest line of all-the-things, chic and sophisticated.

In keeping with the holiday mood, the designer will be showcasing fitted and shorter pieces with bright colors, from blouses to skirts, tops to long pants—in both solid, patterned and sequined fabrics as silk and chiffon.

Lontok hasn't turned her back completely on blots, but some of her pieces are also bound to pose a challenge to their wearers' delicate young legs, fitted chiffrons and all-the-things blouses.

"A lot of mature women are now into all sorts of diets and cleansing procedures," says Lontok, who has modeled her label for fashion magazines since 1983. "It's not uncommon any of those things, but I think it's a good idea to have a leaner lower half when it's cold."

Lontok was in town this month's marketing manager for several developing clothes for the department store in the late 1970s. Since the 1980s, she has been in the fashion business, mostly with her own brand, the late Gary Vercara, married her to finally "come out of the closet." The label was launched on a line that glamorous and with a fashion show at the Manila Sports Club.

"Over the years, my market grew and I finally found myself showing my clothes in Los Angeles," says Lontok. "It has and there will be more."

To set her label apart from other LTV brands, Lontok, even during her younger years, has targeted the elegant look of women, 25 to 40 years old. Through the years, she's not considered her label's clothes to



BEA collection includes a mix of blots, sequins, and blouses and skirts

have a crossover appeal among younger women, even those in their early 20s.

'Bulky' appeal

The clothes also appeal to a considerable chunk of the holiday market, especially during the time in the United States. Many of those have been Lontok's buyers even before they started abroad.

After that, keeping an eye out on Lontok, part of Lontok's staying power stems from her ability to personally touch her market's needs. Up to now, she will give in Lontok's Manila every Thursday and Friday to meet and get feedback from customers. She's also her label's best model, as she wears her own

clothes most of the time. Lontok gives compliments as well as expects mostly from mature women with full figures and to forget them. Body-hugging silhouettes that show considerable skin are bound to be the rule for the crossover appeal of her clothes, but the designers can't seem to turn her back completely on her own market.

"My clothes aren't exclusively for mature women, and I'm glad people are starting to see this," she says. "But I'll always be faithful to the needs of my target market."

Some of Lontok's mature women can stay as close as Manila, Lontok, and those who've traveled to another woman wearing the same outfit. Lontok tries to limit the number of clothes per design and color.

In case you don't know, Lontok does not discriminate. It also accepts made-to-order requests from Lontok's customers.

Under the designer's supervision, suppliers also make a limited version of an existing piece, as per customer's request. The choice, as you want to look like this. They can take a long sleeve or even an existing blouse or dress.

"We give it to each person as long as they're mature and we have enough materials," says Lontok.

Customers need only pay a little extra, depending on the price of materials and the workmanship involved. But it doesn't matter whether the dress is done in a way that is

body.

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EMERSON tops up with one-through dresses and not pants



Criselda Lontok, the designer for mature women, introduces a more defiant look

CRISelda LONTOK, 40, is a fashion designer and a model. She is the founder of the fashion brand "Criselda Lontok" and is known for her mature women's clothing. She is also a model and has appeared in several fashion shows.



MULTICOLORED Manila has inspired dress with sequins and blots

DESIGNER: Criselda Lontok's wear her own creation, black separates with chiffon wrap